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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY FIFTH CELEBRATIONS IN ZANZIBAR

SUMMARY. WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS OF TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY OF AFRO-SHIRAZI PARTY REACHED CLIMAX FEBRUARY 6 WITH CEREMONY MARKING END OF ASP AND TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION (TANU) AND CREATION OF SINGLE NEW PARTY FOR ALL OF TANZANIA, CHAMA CHA MAPINDUZI (CCM), OR REVOLUTIONARY PARTY. GUESTS DURING LAST DAYS OF CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED SEVERAL AFRICAN LEADERS, AMONG WHICH WERE FOUR HEADS OF STATE, TWO VICE-PRESIDENTS, AND ONE
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PRIME MINISTER. AMONG NON-AFRICAN COUNTRIES INVITED, ONLY U.S., REPRESENTED BY UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG, SENT HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION. AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S VISIT PRESENTED UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH SEVERAL LEADING AFRICAN FIGURES IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. IT WAS ALSO RECEIVED FAVORABLY AS INDICATION OF STRONG U.S. INTEREST IN THIS PART OF AFRICA.
END SUMMARY.

1. CEREMONIES EARLY EVENING OF FEBRUARY 5 BROUGHT TO AN END WEEK-LONG CELEBRATIONS OF TWENTIETH BIRTHDAY OF ASP AND, AT SAME TIME, END OF ASP ITSELF ALONG WITH TANU. MAIN EVENT AT AMAAN STADIUM INCLUDED LONG PARADE BY ARMY, POLICE, YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS AND GOVERNMENT WORKERS. FAREWELL SPEECH TO ASP AND TANU WAS DELIVERED BY ASP PRESIDENT AND TANZANIAN FIRST VICE PRESIDENT ABOUT JUMBE. HIS TRIBUTE TO ASP (HE BARELY MENTIONED TANU) REVIEWED ITS ORIGINS, ITS GOALS, AND ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS. JUMBE'S SPEECH WAS FOLLOWED BY LOWERING OF OLD PARTY FLAGS AND RAISING OF NEW FLAG OF CCM. CCM CHAIRMAN AND TANZANIAN PRESIDENT JULIUS NYERERE NEXT ADDRESSED NATION. HE DEDICATED CCM TO STRENGTHENING OF SOCIALISM AND DEMOCRACY AND DESCRIBED CREATION OF NEW PARTY AS A VICTORY FOR TANZANIA'S REVOLUTIONARY COURSE.

2. PRESIDENT NYERERE ALSO SPOKE AT STATE DINNER EVENING OF FEBRUARY 4. THEME OF HIS SPEECH WAS THAT AFRICAN UNITY INEXORABLY MOVES FORWARD. HE CALLED ASP-TANU MERGER "THE ONE TRIUMPH OF THE MOVEMENT TOWARD AFRICAN UNITY." ON NEGATIVE SIDE, HE DESCRIBED EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY AS BEING IN "GRAVE JEOPARDY" AND SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW EAC COULD BE SAVED IN ANY MEANINGFUL MANNER.

3. CELEBRATIONS WERE JOINT MAINLAND-ZANZIBAR VENTURE WHICH PRODUCED NEW HEIGHT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO TERRITORIES. MAINLAND GOVERNMENT PROVIDED SOME 150 AUTOMOBILES, LARGE NUMBER OF POLICE AND SECURITY PERSONNEL AND WILL PAY A GOOD SHARE OF COSTS.

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4. COMBINED MAINLAND-ZANZIBAR GUEST LIST INCLUDED ABOUT 90 STATES, NATIONAL POLITICAL PARTIES, AND LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS. INVITATIONS WERE EXTENDED TO HEADS OF STATE OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA WITH ZAMBIA, SOMALIA, BURUNDI, AND RWANDA RESPONDING. BOTSWANA AND COMORO WERE REPRESENTED BY THEIR VICE-PRESIDENTS AND MADAGASCAR BY ITS PRIME MINISTER. OTHER LEADING AFRICAN FIGURES ON HAND WERE SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA, FRELIMO VICE-PRESIDENT DOS SANTOS, AND OAU SECRETARY-GENERAL ETEKI MBOUMOUA.

5. AMONG NON-AFRICAN COUNTRIES, ONLY US TOOK OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION. PRC HAS RECORD HERE OF AVOIDING HIGH-LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT EVENTS TO WHICH SEVERAL OTHER COUNTRIES INVITED. USSR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE MOUNTED GREATER EFFORT BUT FOR PRESIDENT PODGORNYY'S VISIT TO TANZANIA IN MARCH. RESULT WAS INCREASED ATTENTION TO US DELEGATION AND GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR UN AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG TO MEET WITH NUMBER OF AFRICAN LEADERS IN A SHORT PERIOD

OF TIME.

6. ZANZIBAR, WHOSE PEOPLE HAD DEEP EMOTIONAL COMMITMENT TO ASP, HAS MOVED STOICALLY INTO ITS POST-ASP PHASE. OMNIPRESENT ASP SIGNS HAVE ALMOST COMPLETELY DISAPPEARED, REPLACED IN EACH CASE BY SIGNS FOR SZM, MEANING REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF ZANZIBAR. CCM WILL REMAIN FOR SOME TIME AN UNWANTED CHILD. JUST AFTER CCM BORN, THOSE WHO HAD MARCHED IN PARADE STAGED DISPLAY OF ENTHUSIASM FOR CCM WITH DANCING AND CHEERING. CONTRASTING PASSIVENESS OF MULTITUDE OF ZANZIBARIS VIEWING EVENT FROM THE STANDS SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN A MORE HONEST EXPRESSION OF SENTIMENT.
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